

their cases out of doors winter and summer. They do better in the open air. If you give a pneumonia case a chance, relieve the distention of his stomach (and giving a preliminary clearing up with calomel and salts will do that), and feed him lightly, your case will get well. Do not give him a two-pound hot poultice to lift up and down with every breath, and if you do give the heart the help it needs, give it when it needs it—caffein two or three grains at a time hypodermically—but do not wait until it has failed and then try to help it,—and the chances are these pneumonias will be lifted over the hill,—that is, if you do all you can before the crisis has arrived. I do not believe in treating pneumonias as they are only too often treated, and I do believe in lifting off the burden and letting them alone as much as you can.

Dr. Carson, closing discussion: Dr. Evans spoke of the use of oxygen. I have used it in a few cases but have never been able to see the good results from the use of oxygen. We overcome all this when fresh air is used. That is the oxygen that is needed. I was very glad to hear Dr. Brown's remarks, because I believe thoroughly that there are a great number of pneumonias that are really injured by drugs. Some doctors have the hobby of giving strychnin right from the start. It looks to me like kicking a dying horse when it is down. The benefit of fresh air in these cases was first noticed in the army, when it was found that those cases of pneumonia treated in tents always did better and got well sooner than those in the hospitals. The mortality was lessened. I have been interested in a recent report from Nevada stating that their pneumonias are somewhat different from ours here. They seem to be very sick and die within 48 hours.

COUNTY SOCIETIES

FRESNO COUNTY.

The following resolution was passed unanimously by Fresno County Medical Society, December 1, 1908:

Whereas, It is a recognized fact, that tuberculosis is one of the most destructive diseases known to the human race, and whereas, our safety and relief from this dread scourge lies more in prevention than cure, and

Whereas, It has recently been brought to the attention of the medical profession that a large percentage of many herds of the cattle in this State are infected with tuberculosis, which is a grave menace to all those using milk from infected dairies.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that this Society urgently recommends to the legislators elected from this county, that they co-operate with the State Dairy Association at the meeting of the next legislature, and use every honorable means possible, to enact such uniform state laws as shall secure protection for the people, by enforced sanitation and inspection of all cattle, and suitable recompense for diseased and condemned stock.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of every representative of this county for their careful consideration.

(Signed) GEO. H. AIKEN.

And also the following:

(Resolutions of respect, Dr. J. D. Davidson. Adopted December 8, 1908, by Fresno County Medical Society.)

It is with profound regret that the Fresno County Medical Society is called upon to record the loss of an active and valued member of our body and of the medical profession, through the untimely death while in the prime of his manhood of Dr. Joseph D. Davidson, which occurred on Monday, November 30, 1908, at his residence in this city.

Dr. Davidson was born in Columbia, Tenn., in 1862, being therefore at the time of his death 46 years of age. He was a graduate of the Vanderbilt Medical College of Nashville, obtaining his degree in 1881, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine.

In 1886 Dr. Davidson came to California and took up his residence in Kingsburg, in this county, where he practiced for four years. In 1890, at the age of 28, the doctor removed to Fresno, where he was continuously and actively engaged in his chosen profession until death. During his eighteen years of residence in this city he secured a large practice and was widely and favorably known throughout the valley and State as a surgeon of exceptional ability.

He had been a sufferer from organic disease of the heart for some five or six years and well knew that his days were numbered, but elected to keep in active practice as long as he was able. In October Dr. Davidson's condition grew worse and he was finally compelled to discontinue work and from that time until death relieved him he was confined to his room.

In testimony of the esteem in which Dr. Davidson was held and in acknowledgment of his many and sterling virtues and in honor of his memory, this report is spread upon the minutes of our Society.

(Signed) J. R. WALKER,
A. B. COWAN,
CHESTER ROWELL,
Committee.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

The discussion of the subjects announced (The State Journal and the Register and Directory) was as follows in abstract:

Dr. W. W. Beckett, president of the State Society, made some remarks commendatory of the Journal and its editor. He spoke of the County Association as the important unit of the system of organization, and suggested as a means of increasing its membership that the secretaries send application blanks to all registered physicians in the county.

Dr. W. H. Dudley suggested that the Journal could be made of greater interest by a more complete report of the doings of the County Societies, both as a whole and as regards its individual members. He suggested that a reporter be appointed for this purpose from each of the County Societies.

Dr. W. T. McArthur suggested, in regard to Dr. Beckett's idea for increasing the membership, that applications be sent only to such physicians as the Council might consider as desirable members.

Dr. F. M. Pottenger suggested that the members of this Society send more of its good papers to the Journal for publication. He further suggested that the attendance at our association meetings would be increased if better programs were provided, and suggested that to this means a program committee be appointed, and that certain members be appointed to search the literature and report at the meetings upon new subjects of interest to the profession.

Dr. S. P. Black suggested, as regards the Journal, that the editorials could be improved by eliminating from them the discussion of matters of slight importance, and taking up subjects of broader scope along educational lines. He stated that in some of the best eastern journals the editorials were frequently written by the ablest writers in the profession, and not by the editor alone. He suggested, for increasing our attendance, that better programs be provided, and commended the appointment of a program committee. He further suggested the employment of a stenographer to report the proceedings of the Society. He spoke of the usefulness and necessity of the Register, and emphasized the importance of its accuracy.

Dr. George L. Cole emphasized Dr. Black's remarks concerning the editorials. He commended the editor of the Journal for his actions regarding clean advertising, but thought that the editorials harped too much upon the matter. He suggested that though much good had been accomplished in regard to proprietary medicines by these editorials, the aims of the Society could be better advanced by improving the scientific standard of its literature, and giving greater latitude to more important subjects.

Dr. A. S. Lobingier said that he did not find the Journal a source of much comfort nor benefit, and that after a cursory glance he usually consigned it to the waste paper basket. He spoke of the proprietary drug matter as having become an obsession of the editor, and that the space of its discussion could be better filled by other more important matters. He emphasized the necessity of good programs, etc., increasing our attendance.

Dr. George H. Kress spoke upon the Journal as a means for the upbuilding of the Society, and suggested that it should be utilized as a medium of intercourse between the County Societies by the introduction of matter of a more personal character. He suggested the need of improvement in its typographic form, and added that a booklet-type would be more convenient for filing. He emphasized that the profession of California did not send its best literary effort to the Journal, and approved of Dr. Black's suggestion that the editor be aided in his editorial writings by other able writers in the Society.

Dr. P. C. H. Pahl spoke commendatory of the Journal, and expressed his appreciation of the work of the editor, especially in the matter of proprietary medicines.

Dr. R. W. Miller commended the editor for his fight against nostrums, and said that the fight was not yet over, and should be continued.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot as follows:

President, Dr. Stanley P. Black; vice-president, Dr. E. W. Fleming; secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. W. Richardson; councilors at large, Dr. George L. Cole, Dr. F. C. E. Mattison, Dr. F. M. Pottenger.

NAPA COUNTY.

Dear Doctor:

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the Napa County Medical Society held a most interesting meeting last Thursday in the State Hospital. Dr. S. McL. Doherty, the president, presided and a goodly number of members were present, also several visiting doctors. A very interesting clinic was held on Paranoia; several subjects were shown to illustrate the various stages of that derangement.

New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Dr. A. J. Kahn, Napa; vice-president, Dr. Frank C. Newton, St. Helena; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Arthur H. Reinstein of the Veterans' Home. Drs. O. T. Schulze, Arthur H. Reinstein, Chas. H. Bulson, G. G. Hawkins of Lake County, L. A. Geraldson, were elected members. It was decided that inasmuch as no meetings were held during the year 1908 no dues would be expected paid by the members for that year. I was instructed to request you to inform me what the dues to the State Society would be for 1909 and then send you a check. An elaborate banquet was then enjoyed at the residence and at the invitation of Dr. Doherty, after which an adjournment was taken.

ADOLPH J. KAHN, Acting Secretary.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Riverside County Medical Society for December was held Monday evening, December 14th at the home of Dr. A. S. Parker. The letters received from the secretary of

the Medical Society of the State, relative to appointing a legislative committee and suggestions for the Journal and Register, were read and the committee was appointed as follows: Drs. Sawyer, Baird and Roblee. The matter of Journal will be discussed at a later meeting.

The following members were elected to office for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. Thomas R. Griffith; vice-president, Dr. H. M. Robertson; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Geo. E. Tucker.

The program was a continuation of the regular study course as outlined by the A. M. A. We are pleased to note that according to the last "Bulletin," the Riverside County Society is the only one in California doing the study work as outlined. The next meeting of the Society is to be held at the Victoria Club House, and is to be a joint physician and druggist meeting. This is held for the purpose of discussing the subject of proprietaries and such other subjects as may be of interest along this line. The Society endorsed the resolution adopted by the Southern California Medical Society, advising the reappointment of Dr. N. K. Foster to the office of Secretary of the State Board of Health and so notified the Governor.

GEO. E. TUCKER, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

At a recent meeting of our society, the president appointed the following to act as the legislative committee: B. F. Walker, F. P. Clark and J. E. Nelson.

At the regular monthly meeting held December 26, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. J. P. Hull; first vice-president, Dr. M. Goodman; second vice-president, Dr. L. Welti; secretary-treasurer, Dr. B. F. Walker; delegates to the State Society, Drs. B. J. Powell, A. W. Hoisholt; alternates, Drs. Walker and Langdon; committee on admissions, Drs. Goodman, Welti, H. Smyth, Tully and Craviotto; committee on ethics, Drs. Hull, Hoisholt, Tower, E. A. Arthur, Harry; committee on finance, Drs. Latta, Tully, Sanderson; trustees, Drs. Thompson, Taggart, Ray.

B. F. WALKER, Secretary.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held at the St. James Hotel on December 16th. Dr. Edith E. Johnson, 375 Hawthorne avenue, Palo Alto, was elected to membership. Resignations were received from Drs. Ulrich and R. J. Smith. The annual report of the secretary and treasurer were read and placed on file. Dr. Lincoln Cothran presented a report of the committee on prosecutions. The President, Dr. Jordan, presented his annual report which was referred to a committee for acceptance.

The following officers were elected to serve the society for the coming year:

President, Wm. Simpson of San Jose; first vice-president, Dr. Brown of San Jose; second vice-president, Dr. Snow of Palo Alto; third vice-president, Dr. Thayer of Gilroy; secretary, Dr. J. J. Kocher; treasurer, Dr. H. J. B. Wright; councillors, Drs. Hall, Osborne and W. S. Van Dalsem; delegates, Drs. Snow and Hall; alternates, Drs. Asay and Fowler.

Dr. Asay was elected to honorary membership, having been engaged in the practice of medicine for fifty years. Dr. Hall spoke of the necessity of establishing a hospital for infectious diseases, a friend having placed \$3000 at his disposal for such a purpose. A committee consisting of Drs. Hall, Osborne, Wright, Paul and Walter was appointed to formulate a plan to further the project and report.

J. J. KOCHER,
Secretary.